



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/28-3/30 - Teen Leadership Institute

4/2-4/4 - Sergeant Camp

4/16- Bully Awareness Program

4/17-4/22 - Washington D.C. Trip

4/19- April Vacation Week

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St. Patrick's Day

On Monday, March 17 people across the world celebrated St. Patrick's Day! St. Patrick's Day was originally only an Irish holiday but is now celebrated almost everywhere. Last year over one million people took part in Ireland's St Patrick's Day celebration in Dublin. As some of you may know, St. Patrick's Day is about Saint Patrick (circa 385-461 AD.) who was one of the patron saints of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was not actually in Ireland as you might think but in New York City on March 17, 1762 in. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched all over the city. The music and the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots.

Here at W.R.M.S. members of Rachel's Challenge looked

for students and faculty wearing green. They picked one student and one faculty member who had the most St. Patty's Day spirit! The winning student was I, Hannah Livernois and the winning staff member was Mrs. Desautel. To me it was like wearing green sun-



Fast Facts:

- Did you know that there was a potato famine in Ireland in 1845 which made millions of Irish people to migrate to the U.S.?
- In modern day Ireland St. Patrick's Day was a religious holiday.
- Every year since 1962 the Chicago River is dyed green for St. Patrick's Day.
- Did you know that the shamrock was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because to them it symbolized the rebirth of spring?

I hope you all had a happy St. Patrick's Day, I know I did!

By: Hannah Livernois

No Write-Up Wall of Fame

All of you have walked through the lobby area of the school and have probably noticed the many awards hanging around. Those awards are there to recognize the many students who have gone this entire school year without receiving a write-up. There

are over 200 students who have made it on to the No Write-Up Wall of Fame, all of whom deserve a huge congratulations. This is a great accomplishment and every student recognized on the wall should be very proud of themselves. For those students who are not

on the wall, remember to try to be on your best behavior, so that you can make it on to the wall next time around. For those of you whose names are noted, please keep up the great work!

By: Abbi Sleeper

Quote of the Month

**“The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.”
-Marcus Aurelis**



Jason Barron gives a wave as he crosses glare ice on one of the wind-swept Farwell Lakes on Tuesday during Iditarod 2008.

“The Last Great Race on Earth”

A trail called the Iditarod was once used as a mail route where relays of dog teams carried mail from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. A one-way trip along this route, took about a month to do, and not to mention, another month to get back. But in 1925, part of the Iditarod Trail became a life saving highway for epidemic-stricken Nome. The town had been hit hard by a Diphtheria epidemic, and serum was needed fast. The only way of getting the serum to Nome, was by many dogsled teams crossing the Iditarod, passing the serum from

musher to musher until they got back to Nome. The most important part of the journey involved musher Gunnar Kaasen and a dog named Balto. Balto was a husky who, in the winter of 1925, led a dogsled team through a blizzard on the last stretch of the trail to Nome. On February 2, 1925, Balto led Gunnar Kaasen's team into Nome, and after the 53-mile run, Kaasen, Balto and the rest of the mushing team became instant heroes across the United States. The 674-mile trip was made in 127^{1/2} hours, considered by mushers to be a world's record. Alaska still holds the Iditarod today, which happens in the beginning of March every year. There are also certain pieces of equipment each team must have — an arctic parka, a heavy sleeping bag, a veterinarian book that logs all the dog's conditions, an ax, snowshoes, musher food, dog food and boots for each dog's feet to protect against cutting ice and hard packed snow injuries. A race that is over 1150 miles, mushers have to cross jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forest, desolate tundra

and miles of windswept coast to complete the journey. So, whatever the reason, the Iditarod race will always attract mushers and their dogs who are willing to take the challenge across Alaska, to win the race also known as the “Last Great Race on Earth”!

Also during the month of March, 7th grade has been doing projects and group work on the Iditarod. In S.S and science, classes have been building dog sleds made out of popsicle sticks, and recently went snowshoeing on the 14th. In L.A and Reading, classes of both Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Morse have been split up into groups. Mrs. Berry's classes are reading *Woodsong*, and Mrs. Morse's classes are reading *Black star*, *Bright dawn* and *The Bravest Dog ever: The True Story of Balto*. The whole 7th grade has also been seeing slide presentations of the Iditarod 2008, showed by two rangers from New Hampshire. At the end of the month, teachers are arranging to bring in a real dog sled team, which hopes to be a great experience!

By: Renee Boudreau

In The News

Election ‘08 Update

McCain is the Republican nominee. Obama and Clinton are still in a dead heat for Democratic nominee. Clinton and Obama have been going at it for a while now. They've

been attacking each other on issues like the war, gas

prices and health insurance.

Hillary Clinton	Barack Obama	John McCain
1,498 delegates	1,617 delegates	1,334 delegates

The table above notes the number of delegates that each candidate has as of March 18, 2008.

Memory Book Update

The 2007-2008 memory books are almost finished! The Memory Book Team is still working on the collage page, which will be sent to "the plant" to be processed in two weeks. Students in grades 6-8 are working hard to get in last minute pictures. The final color memory book will be 40 pages and will come here in June. This

year's book will have a secret dedication inside. Memory Book members are not letting anyone know about this, so we can't give you any information on that. Memory books are still on sale though, so please see Mrs. Berry if you haven't already ordered one.

By: Renee Boudrea

Correction:
In the February Issue of The Howling Echo, Renee Boudreau was listed as the author of the story, "Hallelujah", when in fact Hannah Livernois deserves the credit.

Teacher Scavenger Hunt: How Much Do You Know About Your Teachers?

By: Gerry Craig

- I won a bike on T.V.
- I won a trip to Disney World and never took it.
- I gave Mrs. Anderson her only detention.
- I slept on top of the empire state building.
- I've seen the Mona Lisa.
- I went white water river rafting.

Clues continued on page 4. Possible teachers listed on page 7.

A Waste of Trees

I would like to bring to attention another serious problem that happens all around the world. That problem, as you might have guessed, is wasting paper. Every day each of us wastes at least 5 sheets of paper. The earth group here at W.R.M.S. has already been getting people to start recycling.

Every one of you knows what gotchas are but, did you know that the staff just throws them away after you purchase things with them

at the store. That wastes thousand of sheets of paper every week. The staff needs to think about changing the gotcha system. They could give out laminated gotchas and reuse them every week. They could simply recycle the paper and make a difference.

People need to be aware of the issues of paper wasting. If we just took the extra step and started recycling then we may be able to save the little amount trees and area of rainforests we have left. We need to save our

planet, and you can help!

The Earth Group has recently handed out green recycling buckets to each classroom. They are asking that you please put all paper in these buckets, including newspaper, colored paper, magazines and just plain white paper.



By: Hannah Livernois

Spelling Bee 2008



The regional spelling bee was fun. I'm the runner-up. Now I'm going to the State Spelling Bee. This one's going to be hard!! I have to study a packet with 153 pages plus a dictionary with over 2,600 pages and over 400,000 words!!!!!! The words are a lot harder too. Here are some of the words I'm studying: aeriferous,

stichomythia, prolegomenous, engas-trimythic and sphenocephaly. The next bee is on March 22. I hope I win this one!

I didn't win but I was 13th out of 40,000 kids. I got McDonald's gift certificates and a gold and black, glass trophy shaped like New Hampshire.

The winner's name is hard to pronounce so I can't tell you. The word I got wrong was asthmogenic. I spelled it asthmagenic! At least I was 13th. That's better than nothing!! Now I'll be ready for next year.

By: Avery Audet

“Be the
change
you want
to see in
the world.”

- Ghandi

This Month in Sports

A Miracle on the Hardwood

As the Winnisquam Boys “A” Basketball team walked off the bus and toward Newfound Middle School on February 16, 2008, every player knew that their team was the underdog. It was a damp, cloudy, slushy Saturday morning and they were preparing themselves to play the Belmont Bulldogs at noon in the Lakes Region Basketball Tournament. Belmont was the #4 seed coming off a win on Friday against Franklin, and Winnisquam was the #6 seed coming off a loss against Alton.

The Winnisquam Wolves had had a regular season comparable to the “Bad News Bears”. They hadn’t won any of the 16 games they’d played, and lost by double-digits in all but one. They were a laughing stock among other teams. But the failure wasn’t from lack of effort; the other teams just out-played and out-rebounded Winnisquam. Multiple players were constantly on and off of the team due to NPL and other reasons. At times the coach, Dale

Holt, became frustrated, but the team kept pushing for their first win. The starting five included Tom Sattler, Lester DeRoche, Michael Quagliana, Matt Boudreau, and Caleb Hutchins. The team had enough force to win, but could they pull it off?

The referee blew the whistle to begin the game between Winnisquam and Belmont. Winnisquam began a run early on, to the delight of the team and the parents watching in the stands. Tom Sattler scored several baskets early on, and Matt Boudreau grabbed many important rebounds. Winnisquam held and small lead at the end of the 1st quarter; it was the first time the team had led at the end of a quarter all year. The team kept their rhythm in the 2nd quarter with back-to-back three pointers by Matt Rozean and Michael Quagliana, and the team still held a slight lead at half-time. In the 2nd half, help came off the bench from Zach Plourde, Curtis Archibald, and

other players. The team was showing hustle and heart; something they lacked in the regular season. But the lead was beginning to diminish, and Belmont began making shots. With only several minutes left, Winnisquam’s lead had slipped away. Belmont took the lead on a shot with 2 minutes left, but Lester DeRoche scored a three pointer on the very next possession for Winnisquam. The lead grew more and more, and Belmont was forced to foul. But Tom Sattler hit almost every free throw he took, increasing the lead. The clock began to run out of time, and Winnisquam pulled off the upset. The final score was 27-18, and the gymnasium erupted into cheers.

Although the team lost to Franklin the following day ending their season, the moment of jubilation experienced by everyone rooting for Winnisquam during their first victory was unforgettable.

By: Michael Quagliana

Teacher Scavenger Hunt (Continued)

- I taught a fish to jump out of the water and grab his food from a hand.
- I won a prize from the fish and game for the largest fish.
- I won a citywide spelling bee for Concord.
- I co-piloted an airplane and did a loopy loop.
- I was offered a huge amount of money to illustrate a children’s book
- I’ve run along the Thames and Saine River

Use these 12 clues and the list of teachers on page 7 to learn more about your teachers. The first student to solve the clues correctly can bring it to room 21 to claim a \$5 gift card to McDonald’s.

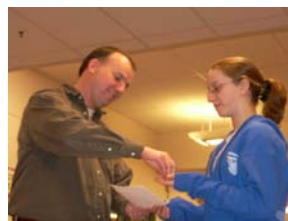
Winter Sports Awards

On Wednesday, March 5, 2008, Winnisquam Middle School had its annual winter sports awards night in the cafeteria. The ceremony had refreshments at 6:00 and the ceremony began at 6:30. Jeff Cloos, the schools athletic director began the ceremony by welcoming everyone and handing out awards to the all tournament team athletes and the athletes who were on an A team for three years. Tom Sattler was the only one to get the all tournament team award. There were five people from the spirit team who got the three years on A team award. They were, Jessica Edson, Abbi Roy, Emily Tessier, Renee Tessier, and Catherine Sanborn. After those

awards were handed out, Jeff talked a little bit about the upcoming sports. He then told everyone what room their team would be in. The wrestling team went into Mrs. Hewey's room, the A girls basketball team went to Ms. Sanders' room, the A boys basketball went into the band room, the B girls basketball team went into the library, the B boys basketball team went into Mr. Hampe's room, and the Spirit team stayed in the cafeteria. Every player got a pin and certificate. The athletes who participated in the sport for the first time got a sport pin and the athletes who played for a second or third time got a star pin. A few people got special awards from their specific

sports. Hannah Willcutt, Jackie Mazer, and Sara Andrus got special awards from the girls A basketball team. Felicia Pelletier and Felecia Demers got special awards from the girls B basketball team. Diana Willcutt was also recognized for helping out the girls B team this year. Members of the sports teams said that they enjoyed the season this year and look forward to the track and field, baseball and softball season.

By: Melissa Mekula



Spring Sports

The Spring Sports season is underway. Track and field and softball tryouts were completed earlier in the month. Many sixth, seventh and eighth grade students went out for the teams. Make sure to support your school. Pay attention to announcements for learn when your favorite teams are playing!

Red Sox Trample Boston College

Josh Beckett and the Boston Red Sox were in October form during their exhibition opener. Baseball's only 20-game winner last year didn't care that his first opponent of spring training was a Boston College team that had been working out indoors all winter to escape the cold and snow up north. The Red Sox ace only cared about keeping batters from making contact and refining his pitches on a relatively chilly (58 degrees) Florida day. He retired

all six hitters he faced, four on strikeouts, in Boston's 24-0 victory in seven innings Thursday.

By: Gerry Craig

Red Sox Season Is Underway

The Major League Baseball opening day was on March 25, 2008. The Red Sox took on the Oakland A's in Tokyo during the opening

series. On March 25th, Matsuzaka led the Red Sox to a 6-5 win, in extra innings, over Oakland. However, on March 26th, Lester was not as fortunate. The Red Sox lost with a 1-5 final score. The next series begins on today. The Red Sox will take on the LA Dodgers at Dodgers Stadium. Let's root on our home team and look forward to another Red Sox World Championship!

No School Uniforms!!

In some schools around the nation there are school uniforms, mainly private schools. That means that the students do not have the right to express themselves through the way they dress. Public schools should not have uniforms. They accept any child and should accept any style that comes with them. Everyone looks the same with school uniforms and students would not be able to compliment each others clothing like, "I like the new shirt you got". Say one of your friends is wearing jeans and a hooded sweatshirt, now you're trying to find your friend you can look around for these described clothing articles. Now if we were in a school that has school uniforms you cannot use that tactic of looking around at people's clothing to find your friend. People would be unrecognizable and plain. When students wear what they choose to wear they can feel like themselves. When schools have uniforms students are recognized as one big group of people. Without school uniforms each student is recognized as an individual.

By: Jonah Crandall and
Johanna Walsh

What
Do You
Think?

"A really great person is the person who makes every person feel great."

-G.K. Chesterton

It's An Opinion

Should WRMS Have Uniforms? Well Why Not?

Currently at the Winnisquam Schools there is a dress code but no uniform required. Our dress code states what we can and cannot wear at school. Such rules help to not distract students from their learning environment. At Winnisquam students cannot wear hats, sunglasses, jackets, clothing with inappropriate or suggestive pictures or language, clothing that causes health or safety problems (spiked jewelry, chains etc.), clothing that disrupts the learning environment (short skirts, low cut shirts, strapless clothing, clothing

that reveals the midriff area), and finally students must wear shoes. Uniforms aren't as bad as people think. There are some good things about uniforms. If our school decided to have students wear uniforms, we wouldn't have to worry about what clothing we could or couldn't wear. No one would have to worry about being teased for what they wore. The school could have a wide variety of what we could wear for uniforms, not just strictly one shirt and one pant or short.

Many schools have uniforms so Winnisquam would

not be alone. If all students wore uniforms, the student body would feel a sense of unity and recognize they all have something in common. By requiring students to wear uniforms, the school would improve the appearance of the student body in a positive way. It would make students care about what they look like, and they might even care more about school spirit. By improving school spirit and the student's own sense of pride in themselves, the school would become a better place to learn.

If you would like to comment on these articles, please feel to write a "Letter to the Editor" and it may be featured in our next issue.

Letters can be sent to Mrs. Hall's Room— Room 21

Interview with Mrs. Smith: Guidance Counselor of the Year

As many of you may know, Mrs. Smith has been awarded with the Middle School Guidance Counselor of the Year in New Hampshire. We are honored to have her as a part of our staff and would like to thank her for all of her hard work in helping to make our building a better and more positive place to learn!

Bailey Long interviewed Mrs. Smith about her award.

Q: Did it come as a shock to you when you won the award?

A: Mr. Croteau told me that he nominated me, so I didn't know what to expect.

Q: How did you feel when you won the award?

A: I felt happy, but I also felt that other teachers deserve awards too.

Q: Did you have to beat a lot of other counselors to win the award?

A: I don't know. About 12.

Q: Why do you think you won the award?

A: I do something that is different from other counselors, like fieldtrips, grade improvements, and homework club.

List of Teachers for Teacher Scavenger Hunt

Mrs. Hewey	Mr. Meyer
Mrs. Witherspoon	Mrs. Kemmerer
Mrs. Berry	Mrs. Chapley
Mrs. Morse	Mrs. Desautel
Ms. Sanders	Mrs. Bergman
Mrs. Large	Mr. Croteau



Interviews

Interview with Mrs. DiNardo

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Littleton, NH

Q: What were your grades like throughout school?

A: Mostly A's and B's, the occasional C.

Q: As a child what was your dream job?

A: Teaching physical education.

Q: Where did you meet your husband?

A: They met in college. They started dating in February after college. The couple has been happily married for twenty-seven years.

Q: Do you have any kids?

A: A twenty year old, Tessa, who lives in

Plymouth.

Q: What grades have you taught? What was your favorite?

A: The student taught third grade and as a teacher she's taught seventh grade. Seventh grade was her favorite of the two.

Q: What do you like to do outside of school?

A: Running, tennis, golf, and other outdoor activities.

Q: What is the best experience that you have had as a teacher?

A: When the school received the laptops. It gave a new and better way of teaching.

Q: What is your favorite part of being a teacher?

A: Watching students go from knowing nothing about a topic to seeing them as experts on the topic.

Q: How many years have you been teaching for?

A: Twenty-four years.

Q: If you could sum up your whole personality in two words what would they be?

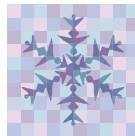
A: Organized and scheduled.

By: Joanna Walsh and Melissa Mekula



**Winnisquam Regional
Middle School
News Club**

Weather



This Newspaper was put together by the student members of the News Club.

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Hannah Livernois	Joanna Walsh

4/5—AM Showers—high 45
 4/6—Partly Cloudy—high 50
 4/7—Partly Cloudy—high 47
 4/8—Partly Cloudy—high 54
 4/9—Partly Cloudy—high 54
 4/10—Few Showers—high 58
 4/11—Partly Cloudy—high 54
 4/12—Partly Cloudy—high 52

Upcoming Movie Releases

10,000 BC- 3/7/08	Speed Racer- 5/9/08	The Wolfman- 11/14/08
Miss Pettigrew Lives For a Day- 3/7/08	Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian- 5/16/08	Harry Potter and the Halfblood Prince- 11/21/08
College Road Trip- 3/7/08	Indiana Jones IV- 5/22/08	Bolt- 11/26/08
The Bank Job- 3/7/08	Starship Dave- 5/30/08	Angels and Demons- 12/19/08
Horton Hears a Who- 3/14/08	Kung Fu Panda- 6/6/08	Star Trek- 12/25/08
Never Back Down- 3/14/08	The Incredible Hulk- 6/13/08	Bedtime Stories- 12/25/08
Sleepwalking-3/14/08	Wall-E- 6/27/08	
Doomsday- 3/14/08	Wanted- 6/27/08	Dates Subject to change. Movies may come out without notice of www.casenet.com .
Drillbit Taylor- 3/21/08	Tonight He Comes- 7/2/08	Go Check out a great movie and let us know how it was!!
Shutter- 3/21/08	Journey 3-D- 7/11/08	
Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns- 3/21/08	The Mummy 3- 7/11/08	
The Ruins- 4/4/08	Tropic Thunder- 7/11/08	
College- 4/11/08	Mama Mia!- 7/18/08	
Foodfight!- 4/11/08	Step Brothers- 7/25/08	
Prom Night-4/11/08	Hellboy 2: The Golden Army- 8/1/08	
The Greatest Escape- 4/18/08	Star Wars: The Clone Wars- 8/15/08	
Inkheart- 4/30/08	Beverly Hills Chihuahua- 9/26/08	
Bond 22- 5/2/08	High School Musical 3: Senior Year- 10/24/08	
Iron Man- 5/2/08	Madagascar- 11/7/08	
Made of Honor- 5/2/08		
The Day the Earth Stood Still- 5/9/08		